

### **REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

#### **Status of Application**

Claims 1-48 are pending in this application, with claims 13-48 being withdrawn as directed to a non-elected invention. The Examiner has restricted the claims into Groups I, II, III, IV, and V as follows:

- I. Claims 1-12 are drawn to subject matter pertaining to authenticating a client for receiving data, classified in class 726, subclass 29.
- II. Claims 13-20 are drawn to subject matter pertaining to use of a proxy server as an intermediary internetworking device, classified in class 726, subclass 12.
- III. Claims 21-26 are drawn toward subject matter pertaining to stored data protection, classified in class 713, subclass 193.
- IV. Claims 27-44 are drawn toward subject matter pertaining to packet headers designating cryptographically protected data, class 713, subclass 160.
- V. Claims 45-48 are drawn toward subject matter pertaining to usage of master or key encryption keys, classified in class 380, subclass 281.

#### **Election in Response to Restriction Requirement**

Applicants elect without traverse Group I consisting of claims 1-12. The remaining claims are not being canceled at this time.

### **CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe this application is ready for substantive examination, and an Office Action on the merits at an early date is respectfully requested.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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